

A D D R E S S

TO THE

INHABITANTS of the Parish of ST. MARY-LE-BONE,

FROM THE

COMMITTEE of ASSOCIATION,

Appointed at a General Meeting of the said Parish on the 29th January 1793;
and continued to the present Time:

TOGETHER WITH

A PLAN for carrying such Association into Effect.

14th JUNE 1797. This was a
~~cal period for this County.~~

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That sincerely attached to our excellent Constitution, established in King, Lords, and Commons, and truly sensible of the just Blessings which we enjoy under it, We hold ourselves bound in Duty and Gratitude at all Times to assist, by endeavouring to support and maintain that Constitution, and to contribute every Assistance in our Power, collectively and individually, to the due Execution of the Laws, the Maintenance of civil Order and Government, and the immediate Suppression of all Riots and Tumults within the Parish of St. Mary-le-Bone, under whatsoever Pretence they may be excited.

Resolved, also UNANIMOUSLY, That as Preparation to meet a threatened Danger is often the Means of averting it, and Prevention is always better than Remedy, We, though fully confiding in the known Zeal, Loyalty, and Bravery of the Army and Militia of the Nation, yet desirous of giving more ample Scope to their Exertions at the present important Crisis, Do, for the Purpose of preserving Tranquillity in this Parish, and in order to use our utmost Endeavours to protect and defend the Lives and Properties of its Inhabitants, hereby recommend the following PLAN to be adopted by the Parish, generally and individually.

PLAN for a GENERAL ASSOCIATION of the Inhabitants
of the Parish of ST. MARY-LE-BONE, to serve without Pay, for
the Protection thereof, in case of any Emergency, at the Requi-
sition of the Civil Power; ~~which Plan has been submitted by the~~
~~Committee of Association to the Secretary of State, and has re-~~
~~ceived His MAJESTY's Approbation.~~

1. THAT no Persons be admitted unless introduced by Two or more
Householders, Members of the said Association, and approved of by
the Majority of the Association assembled by previous Notice, or of any
Committee appointed thereby, by Vote or Ballot, as shall have been
before determined by the Association itself.
2. That it be recommended to such of this Association who shall be
able and willing to give Time from their several Occupations, to pro-
vide themselves with the necessary Arms and Accoutrements of
Cavalry or Infantry, and to attend to be trained, and learn the Use of
such Arms.
3. That it be recommended to Persons associating, and who may
not chuse to meet to exercise, to provide themselves with a Pike Nine
Feet long, and a Girdle, with a Brace of Pistols, or Sword. But each
Class of Pikemen may be mustered with their Arms by its Captain, at
such convenient and stated Time and Place as he shall appoint; and
that a Specimen of the Pike be kept at the Court House.*see the word Pike -
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4. That the Inhabitants of the said Parish who shall have associated
themselves for such Purposes, be divided into Classes of Fifty each,
whether Cavalry, Infantry, or Pikemen; which Divisions shall be made
as much as possible by Streets and Squares contiguous to each other.
5. That every Class be commanded by an Inhabitant of the Parish,
who shall be appointed by the said Class, and approved of by the
Committee of Association, and recommended by such Committee to
the Lord Lieutenant of the County, and considered as Captain of the
Class, and act as such under a Commission from HIS MAJESTY.
6. That each Class shall also nominate a Lieutenant, and Cornet or
Ensign, (being Inhabitants of the Parish, and constantly resident therein,)
to be approved of by the Committee.
7. That each Class shall carry Standards, or Colours, to be num-
bered; the Number to be determined by Lot. The Standards or
Colours of every Class to be the same, of a plain Red, with the Words,
St. Mary-le-Bone Association, in Black, upon them.
8. That in numbering the Classes, the Cavalry, Infantry, and Pike-
men, shall be kept distinct from each other.
9. That the Cavalry, Infantry, and Pikemen shall, with respect to
the Classes of each Description, take Rank according to the Number
drawn by each Class.
10. That in order to prevent the Expence of an uniform Dress, the
Persons associating, when acting in the Defence of the Parish, shall
wear a Piece of Scarlet Cloth, Two Inches and a Half broad, tied round
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the Right Arm, with the Letters S. M. A. in Black; and the Number of their respective Clas, agreeable to a Pattern left at the Court House.

11. That each Captain shall appoint a particular Rendezvous for his own Clas.

12. That the Court House shall be the General Rendezvous of the Parish.

13. That all the Clasies shall, in case of Alarm, immediately repair to such General Rendezvous, and be there ready to obey such Orders as may be given by the Magistrates and Officers for protecting and defending the Tranquillity of the Parish.

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prompt
method
of working* 14. That Three Books be prepared at the Court House in Oxford Street, to insert the Names and Places of Abode of those who may chuse to associate either as Cavalry, Infantry, or Pikemen, for the Defence of this Parish.

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with the assistance* 15. That as some small Expences must necessarily be incurred for carrying this Association into Execution, a Subscription be opened; where every Person may subscribe any small Sum, not exceeding the Amount of Five Shillings, to defray such Expences.

of a Ram 16. That every Member of the Association be requested to sign at the Court House his Name and Place of Abode, and the Sum subscribed, in one of the Books prepared for that Purpose, and pay his Subscription to Mr. JONES, who is hereby appointed Treasurer for receiving the same.

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entirely
united
with the
Association* 17. That any Female Householder who may wish to support this Plan, shall be, and is hereby requested to authorize Two Householders, Members of this Association, to sign her Name, and to attest, by the Authority of their Signatures, her Approbation of such Plan, and Subscription to the same.

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best suited
for* 18. That any such Female Householder may, in Concurrence with any other Householder, Member of the Association, recommend proper Persons to be enrolled in the Association, under the Mode adopted for the Enrolment of other Members thereof.

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fire two
shots for
one in
half an
hour* 19. That the Majority of any Clas shall be empowered to reject from that Clas any Individual who shall appear to them to be an unfit Member thereof.

*one in
half an
hour* 20. That a List of the Members of each Clas be made out, and a Copy lodged with each Member in that Clas, together with a Copy of such Instructions, signed by the Captain of the Clas, as may be found necessary for their more speedy training, arming, and collecting together in case of Alarm, and for any other Regulations that may be thought necessary.

21. That no Person of any Clas be required to go out of the Parish without his own Consent.



SOMMERS, Chairman.